PEACE ENVOYS' TRIP PLANNED

JAPS TO HAVE AN HOUR'S START TO OYSTER BAY.

Witte Goes To-day to Meet the President, and on Saturday Both Parties Will Begin Their Warship Voyage-Russians in Wall Street and East Side.

Seeing New York on the part of the Russian envoys and arrangements for the formal meeting of the envoys on Saturday at Oyster Bay and their introduction to each other by President Roosevelt were yesterday's events in the Japanese-Russian peace conference arrangements.

Mr. Witte, the head of the Russian peace commission, and Mr. Lodygensky, the Ruseian Consul-General to New York, led the van in the New York sightseeing. Accompanied by the Consul-General, Mr. Witte made one automobile tour downtown, visiting the Stock Exchange and the swarming East Side. That was in the afternoon Accompanied by one of his suite, the Russian envoy in the forenoon took another automobile run through Central Park and along the Riverside Drive.

The Third Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Peirce, came to New York yesterday morning and went to the Hotel Astor. Mr. Peirce usually, on his visits here, makes his home at the Waldorf-Astoria. Whether the presence there of the Japanese envoys made him change his usual New York lodging house he did not say. The Third Assistant Secretary of State only called at the Waldorf-Astoria, as he did at the St. Regis, to see the respective envoys about the arrangements for Saturday.

It was for the express purpose of making these arrangements that Mr. Peirce came to New York, and he said yesterday afternoon that they are now all completed.

The program laid out is very minute in detail and will be followed to the letter. It involved, of course, the wise question of precedence, and that seems to have been ettled on the broad general American principle of first come first served. The Japanese envoys got here over a week ahead of the Russians. Therefore it is the Japanese who will sail first for Oyster Bay on Saturday morning and it is the Japanese who will first board the Mayflower at Oyster Bay, where the formal introductions are to be made. When Mr. Peirce was asked yesterday why the Japanese went first he replied:
"Well, they got here first."

When he was asked which of the two cruisers, the Galveston or the Chattanooga, would take the Japanese and which the Russian, he replied:

"Now, how can anybody want to know which cruiser carries one party and which (arries the other? Both cruisers are exactly alike in measurement and everything What difference does it make? I don't know which cruiser the Japanese envoys are going on and which the Rus-

As a matter of fact, the Japanese are going on the Chattanooga. She and the Galveston are protected cruisers of 8,200 tons displacement. The only difference between them is that the Galveston is one year the younger. It is not anticipated, however, that international complications are likely to arise because of this discrepancy or that it involves any question involving the ultimate success or failure of

the rending peace negotiations. The program as arranged is that Baron Komura and his suite will board the Chattanooga at the foot of East Twenty-third As soon as they are on board the Chattanooga will head for the Sound and steam off at a moderate pace for Oyster Bay, where the Mayflower will be waiting.

One hour after the Japanese envoys

have sailed the Galveston, bearing Mr. Witte and his suite, will sail from the same place. Arrived at Oyster Bay, the Japanese envoys will wait on their cruiser until the President's flag is hoisted over the Mayflower. Then steam launches will take them to the Mayflower, on which vessel the Russian envoys will come just one hour later. Then the introductions by President Roosevelt will take place, after which the President will leave the Mayflower, the Japanese envoys will go back on board the Chattanooga, the Russians will return to the Galveston and both cruisers will sail for Portsmouth, where they are due to arrive at 10 o'clock on Monday

After luncheon the envoys will make formal calls on the Governor of New Hampshire, and by Tuesday morning all the formalities will be over and the decks cleared

Before the departure of both groups of envoys for Oyster Bay, however, there is one formality yet to be gone through with, and that is the presentation to the President of Mr. Witte by Baron Rosen, the Russian Ambassador to the United States. This will occur early this afternoon. Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen will go to Oyster Bay on he 11 o'clock train this morning, just as ago. The securities are stock certificates Baron Komura and the Japanese Minister, Mr. Takahira, went one day last week.

To-morrow is St. Mary's day, according to the Eastern Christian calendar, and the name day of Maria Feodoravna, Empress sian orthodox cathedral in Fast Ninetyseventh street there will be special religious services-high mass at 8 o'clock in the morning and Te Deum at 9 o'clock. While it was not announced positively that Mr. Witte and his suite would attend both these services, it is expected that at one or the other they will be present.

Mr. Witte's downtown trip in an automobile yesterday afternoon attracted no attention, as he was not recognized by people in the street. It was not until the big car turned down Wall street and into Broad and stopped before the Stock Exchange that anybody began to notice it. Even then Mr. Witte was not recognized and it was not until, in company with Consul-General Lodygensky, he entered the Exchange gallery that it became known definitely who he was.

Business on the exchange was tempoknown who the distinguished visitor was There was a demonstration in his honor. to which Mr. Witte responded by lifting his hat, leaning over the gallery railing and bowing. Several members of the exchange went up into the gallery and were presented by the Russian Consul to the envoy. By this time the news that the Czar's plenipotentiary was in the exchange had got out into the street. The result was that when Mr. Witte came out he was greeted with a series of cheers, to which he re-sponded by lifting his hat and bowing

After a tour through a number of the down-

town business streets the automobile went back to Broadway again, and from Broad-way across to the East Bide. Several times Mr. Witte and the Russian Consul-General were recognized, and in every instance were greeted with cordial cheers, to which Mr. Witte responded as he had in the down-

town region. Beyond a reiterated repudiation of the lleged interview published on Wednesday in which he was quoted as expressing faint topes of the coming conference resulting n peace, Mr. Witte yesterday authorized no statement whatever concerning his mis-

At the Japanese headquarters in the Waldorf-Astoria profound quiet reigned. Between both the Russian and the Japanese headquarters and their native lands there was a pretty steady flow of cable despatches all during the day. It is not doubted that both Baron Komura and Mr. Witte gave their respective royal masters a pretty full account of the receptions the Russians got here, although beyond the general statement that the news had been cabled nothing was admitted at either headquarters.

A correspondent of the St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya, who came over on the steamer with the Russian envoys, said that he had cabled his paper a brief despatch to the effect that the American reception of the Russian envoys had been very cordial and had made a very favorable impression upon them

The Waldorf-Astoria yesterday took on an additional decoration in the shape of the English flag, which was hung out in honor of the presence of the British Ambassador. Sir Henry Mortimer Durand.

The fact that Ambassador Durand went to Oyster Bay yesterday and had a conference with the President, and the fact that he made his headquarters at the Waldorf-Astoria, which is not his usual stopping place in New York, led to all sorts of specula-

"The British Ambassador has not called upon Baron Komura," said Mr. Sato at his regular session with the newspaper men yesterday afternoon, "and I know nothing of his plans in that or any other respect. Maybe he is here to see the game of cricket."

Mr. Sato was not surprised that Mr. Witte had repudiated the interview of Wednesday, and he expressed the belief that Mr. Witte had come with full powers. In speaking of the matter of an indemnity as one of the probable demands, Mr. Sato expressed the purely personal opinion that such an indemnity would be demanded. and that it had not usually covered merely the cost of the war up to the date of signing the treaty of peace, but had covered the subsequent expenses of a readjustment of things to a normal condition. He said that the war had cost Japan since it began an average of over \$1,125,000 per day. Concerning the formal statement issued by Mr. Witte, Mr. Sato seemed to regard it as an encouraging document in the interest of peace, although he declined to discuss it formally.

Baron Komura was out to dinner last vening with a few of his suite at the private house of a Japanese gentleman of his acquaintance, and this evening he will give a quiet family party dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria to a few Japanese residents of New York and the members of his suite.

PUZZLED OVER PRECEDENCE.

Officials Wonder Whether Japs or Russians Should Be Presented First.

CONCORD, N. H., Aug. 3.-The question of whether the Russian or the Japanese Gov. McLane when they are officially received at Portsmouth on Monday next is a most troublesome one—too grave, in fact, to be settled by New Hampshire officials. It was accordingly referred to President Roosevelt. Rumor has it that it was originally referred to the State Department, which sent to Paris to ascertain what the proceeding was in the Behring Sea or North Sea cases.

Secretary of State Pearson this morning said there were two points to be considered. One is the question of seniority and the other Ambassadorial standing. The Japanese envoy was the first to arrive in this country, and the argument is adranced that for this reason he should have

On the other hand the Russian Government maintains an embassy at Washington, while the Japanese are represented only by a Minister, so higher Ambassa-dorial rank is claimed for Russia than for

VERY PRETTY SECURITIES.

Face Value \$3,900,000, but Owner Will

Not Pay Cent of Cash for Restoration. Richard Cullen, president of the Duluth Iron Manufacturing Company of Duluth, Minn., will drop into Chief of Police Benja min Murphy's office in Jersey City to-day and regain possession of securities of \$3,-900,000 face value which he lost while washing his face at a Battery fountain three week of several concerns. They are printed on nice paper and look real pretty. Cullen said he had the bundle of securities when he started to wash up and missed them when

started to wash up and missed them when he finished the job. They were turned over to Chief Murphy by Peter McGovern of Essex street, Jersey City, who said he found them in Academy street.

McGovern notified Cullen that he had the securities and was told to come to New York. He was arrested, but later discharged. McGovern had another talk with Cullen in Jersey City yesterday and said he was willing to surrender the \$3,900,000 worth of stock providing he was paid for the loss of two or three days work while looking up the owner. Cullen said he didn't have any spare cash, but volunteered to part with one \$1,000 share of stock, "par value," as a reward.

McGovern indignantly rejected the offer and intimated that only cold cash would satisfy him. Chief Murphy became custodlan of the securities and Cullen will get them to-day, having proven ownership. Cullen doesn't propose to pay any cash reward and McGovern says he won't he cajoled into accepting stock.

WE DISARM THE NAVY.

Can the City Prevent It From Carrying Guns Ashore?

Clyde J. Bailey, a non-commissioned officer on the transport Pennsylvania, was arraigned in Special Sessions yesterday charged with carrying a revolver.

"I am a sworn officer of the United States Navy and as such am not amenable to the city ordinances regarding firearms," was What is the regular navy pistol?" asked

Justice Olmsted. "Colt. .44 caliber."

A thirty-two was found on Bailey.

The Court found against him, but suspended sentence and let him go.

Bailey says he will carry the question before Secretary Bonaparts for a ruling.

WHERE WAS DEPEW INSURED?

CREDITED WITH \$500,000-HAD NO EQUITABLE POLICY.

Legislative Committee Hunts for Counsel With No Announced Result-One Rumer Names Rand, Another Charles E. Hughes-Another Visit to Jerome.

A man in the Equitable Life Assurance lociety who is able to speak definitely said yesterday that Senator Chauncey M. Depew is not carrying a penny's worth of life insurance in the Equitable.

Senator Depew is down in a little book called "Prominent Patrons of Life Insurance" as carrying policies aggregating \$500,000, and he has been regarded in life insurance circles generally as a heavy policyholder. The figures stated in the booklet were

apparently gathered with a good deal of care. According to the announcement of the editors, circulars were sent to each of the men whose names appear asking for a verification, and the lists were also sent to the different insurance companies for correction. The editor who sent the circular to Senator Depew is "pretty certain" that the Senator verified the amount opposite his

The statement of the Equitable authority that no insurance is carried by the Senator in the society in which he has been a member of the governing board for so many years was received yesterday with surprise. The Equitable paid Senator Depew a retainer of \$20,000 a year for a good many years. There was all sorts of speculation as to what company or companies might be

The man who said the Senator was not policyholder on the Equitable's books added that it was possible that the Senator had a policy in the Equitable a good many years ago and that it had matured, but he was certain that it wasn't for any such

carrying the Senator as a policyholder

but no definite information was obtain-

amount as \$500,000. The sub-committee of the joint legislative committee, consisting of Senators Armstrong and Tully and Assemblyman Rogers, spent all of yesterday making a "house to house" canvass for a counsel, but last night they announced that no selection had been made and that the picking out process would be continued until next Monday.

It is known that the sub-committee made inquiries yesterday in regard to the availability of Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the gas investigating committee. Mr. Hughes's partner, George Schurman, called on the committee at the Murray Hill Hotel last night, and it was admitted by the committeemen later that information had been sought from Mr. Schurman as to whether Mr. Hughes would be available. Mr Hughes is at present in Europe, and had not expected to return until September. Another man who conferred with the

sub-committee yesterday was Eugene A. Philbin, former District Attorney of New York county. He met the sub-committee in the morning at Attorney-General Mayer's offices at 27 William street. Chairman Armstrong refused to say whether the committee was considering Mr. Philbin's name.

"I will, however, say this much," he replied in answer to questions concerning Mr. Philbin, "and that is, that the committee will neglect no opportunity to get into touch with lawyers of the best standing in the community to get their opinions of a proper selection."

lawyer who takes the place must be absolutely free from all entangling alliances whether in a social or business way, and that he must be prepared to devote all his time and his best energies to the investiga-

Chairman Armstrong was asked in re gard to the report that the committee had Assistant District Attorney Rand under consideration. The story was that Rand was contemplating leaving the District Attorney's office and would be glad to start up on his own hook, with the insurance investigation as his first job. Chairman Armstrong refused either to affirm or deny the report, but it was the general impression that Mr. Rand had been considered

Other names mentioned unofficially yeserday were those of Francis Wellman, George Palmer of Schoharie county, Lewis Carr of Albany county and Frank S. Black. At Mr. Black's office it was said yesterday that he was on his vacation in New Hampshire and that they knew of nothing that had caused him to make any arrangements for returning before Oct. 1.

It was reported yesterday that Alton B. Parker would not be averse to accepting the appointment. A statement was given out in his interest to the effect that his relations to Jacob H. Schiff as special counsel in the Equitable matter would in no way interfere with his eligibility. The only work that Judge Parker did for Mr. Schiff, it was said, was several months ago when he gave the financier an opinion on a certain subject. That transaction was closed, and he has not done any work for Mr. Schiff since.

The members of the sub-committee which is looking for a counsel will remain in the city until Monday, but the other investigators will leave to-day for their homesthat is, those who live out of town.

Messrs. Armstrong, Tully and Rogers called on District Attorney Jerome yesterday afternoon and had a half hour conference with him. Mr. Jerome wouldn't say what it was about, but it was presumed that it concerned the selection of counsel for the

It was learned yesterday that all the facts oncerning that \$685,000 blind loan as disclosed by the bank examiners are now in the hands of Supt. Kilburn of the State Banking Department. It was reported yesterday that District Attorney Jerome upon his return to town next week might ask Supt. Kilburn for information. The story that a certain politician received from this loan account \$50,000 which was to be in consideration of securing the appointment as Ambassador to France for James H. Hyde was revived with a good deal of definiteness yesterday.

Preliminary Studies.

Harry Cohen of 215 West 117th street was arraigned in the Tombs police court yesterday before Magistrate Moss for play-

ing craps.
"What do you do for a living?" his Honor asked.
"I'm studying to be a lawyer," Cohen answered. He was let go.

The Pastest Long-Distance Train in the world is the Twentieth Century Limited, the 18-hour train between New York and Chicago by the "New York Central Lipres" - Act.

LIGHTNING FLASH BLINDS.

Mrs. William F. Cochran Loses Sight of One Eye at Her Summer Home.

YOMKERS, N. Y., Aug. 3.-Word has been received here that Mrs. William F. Cochran, widow of the carpet manufacturer of this city, had been blinded by a flash of lightning at her summer home in Sorrento, Me., and is now under the care of specialists.

Mrs. Cochran was seated near a window

during a storm and lightning struck very near her. The flash was so intense that she was unable to see anything immediately after it. Later the sight of one eye was restored, but it was found that the optic nerve and some of the blood vessels of the other eye were ruptured and the sight gone.

Mrs. Cochran is one of the best known women in Yonkers because of her various charities and benefactions. The present St. John's Hospita! building was erected on ground purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Cochran, endowed with a permanent income, and presented to the trustees. The Hollywood Inn clubhouse, one of the best equipped in the country, was erected and presented to "the workingmen" of Yonkers for their exclusive use.

Only recently Mrs. Cochran presented to the trustees of St. John's Church Cemetery \$40,000 to be spent in improvement of the ground and graves.

Mrs. Cochran is the daughter of the late Alexander Smith, who founded the Smith Carpet Works. Her winter home is at Yonkers, next to Greystone, the estate of Samuel Tilden Untermeyer.

BROTHER AND SISTER IN RIVER Both Hauled Out, One by Policeman Trobst, a Six Stripe Veteran.

Margaret Murphy, 8 years old, and her prother Edward, 6, who live at 325 East Seventy-seventh street, got tired playing in John Jay Park, at the foot of East Seventysixth street, yesterday afternoon and climbed up on the stone coping on the river front to rest. They had been there only a short while when Margaret slipped into the East River. Her brother tried to catch her and fell in too.

Both children yelled lustily, people in the park ran to the river front Policeman Trobst of the East Sixty-seventh street station, an old service man with six stripes, who does duty in the park, was quick to take in the situation. The little girl was drifting out in the stream when he leaped over the stone coping and went after her. He got her and brought

her to shore unconscious. Frederick Korinck of 136 Avenue A pulled Eddie out of the water without going overboard. The boy wasn't any the worse for the ducking, but his sister was in a bad way. Policeman Trobst rolled her on a barrel and did what he could while awaiting the coming of an ambulance from the Presbyterian Hospital. Both children were taken to the hospital.

SUES GRAIN ELEVATOR MEN.

Nebraska's Attorney-General Declares That Their Association Bestrains Trade.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 3 .- Alleging that certain grain and elevator companies doing nine-tenths of the grain bandling business in this State have joined forces to control prices and force railroads to grant rebates to members, Attorney-General Brown today filed suit in the Supreme Court asking a dissolution of the Nebraska Grain Dealers Association. He also secured an order restraining all of the members from doing any of the acts complained of as in restraint of trade.

weeping ever instituted in the State, and affects the market for 200,000,000 bushels of grain purchased at the 1,200 elevators belonging to members of the association. In addition to the restraining order, the Attorney-General demands the forfeiture of the franchises of the corporations which have been parties to what he calls a conspiracy among the grain men.

He swears that they conspired to pool and fix prices for the purpose of preventing competition, and that the officers of the association withheld the benefit of their agreement from shovel houses and elevators off the right of way which are run by farmers. He charges that the prices were absolutely fixed at secret meetings, that the volume of trade has been controlled, that penalties have been imposed for violations of the agreement by members and also that the blacklist has been resorted to.

USED DYNAMITE IN A FIGHT. Lively Row-Tracks Blown Up.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Aug. 3 .- A pitched pattle, in which sticks and stones, picks, shovels and dynamite played an important part, took place last night near Hazleton between a Baltimore and Ohio construction force and a party of employees of the Republic Iron and Steel Company. The railroad men have been engaged in the construction of a new cutoff near the Hazleton mill. While at work they were attacked by a large force of the steel company's employees. These men were armed with various weapons and carried a quantity of dynamite. The explosive was thrown into the crowd of railroad workmen, who

were compelled to flee for their lives. A great deal of damage was done by the attacking force, the new tracks being blown up by dynamite. While this was being accomplished the railroad men had recruited their forces and returned the attack. The interference of the Sheriff probably prevented a loss of life. The cause of the trouble is a dispute between the railroad company and the steel company as to the right of the Baltimore and Ohio to the ground which has been appropriated for

SIDE SHOW ON THE ROOF.

Comedy of "A Woman Killed With Kindness" Wasn't on the Bill. A woman of ample proportions and good looks went to Hammerstein's roof garden

to fumble at the hatpins.

last night accompanied by five men who vied with one another in paying her attention. Finally, she fainted. Five men were all activity in an instant As she sat drooping in her chair all the five escorts decided at once that her big hat ought to be removed. They all began

They shut off the air from the fainting woman, and in their search for the hatpins all became more or less flustered. That hat was on to stay. After five minutes search all the hatpins were found and drawn, one by each cavalier. The roof had become mightily interested. Oscar Hammerstein butted into the party with a glass of water, and the moment he offered it to the fainting woman she came to. Her bodyguard helped her to put on her; hat, and then they all went away.

ERISWELL SUICIDE IN SUBWAY

CAR CUTS OFF THE HEAD OF PUB-LISHER OF THE "NEW YORKER"

And Projector of "America's Foremest Families"-His Dinner Hest and His Wife Were Wondering Where He Was -Recently Arrested on Libel Charge.

A man who had in his pockets a wallet containing telegrams and papers addressed to Robert W. Criswell at the Hotel Belleclaire, Broadway and Seventy-seventh street, killed himself last night by jumping in front of a southbound subway express at the Seventy-second street station, Robert W. Criswell is the editor of the New Yorker and the man who was recently summoned to court on a libel charge made by Congressman Joe Rhinock of Kentucky, because his paper had referred to the Congressman slurringly in connection with Miss Alice Roosevelt's visit to Cincinnati, Criswell was also connected with the publication called "America's Foremost Families." which has been a subject of investigation by the District Attorney's office.

Cr iswell was to have dined last night, with A. Harry Ray, a friend, but he did not show up to keep his dinner engagement. Mrs. Ray went around to the Belleclaire at 10 o'clock to learn why Criswell had not come. She found Mrs. Criswell there alone, wondering what had become of her husband. Up to midnight Criswell had not appeared at the Belleclaire. At that hour the police were inclined to think the suicide was Criswell.

The man who killed himself appeared on the subway express platform at 9:30 o'clock. There were about a dozen persons on the platform, lined up waiting for a southbound express.

Nobody paid much attention to the man in the blue serge suit who walked up and down the platform nervously. A train shot into the station and the man in the serge suit flung himself directly in front of

His neck fell across the east track and the wheels severed his head from his body as if it were cut by a guillotine. The motorman put on brakes as quickly as pos sible, but the wheels of the first car had all gone over the man before the train could be stopped. The body was horribly crushed.

Several women had fainted. Men who were waiting on the platform yelled in horror. The people in the express train that was brought to such a sudden stop cried to get out, not knowing what had occurred. The guards kept the doors of the cars closed until they learned what had happened. Then they let the passengers alight, but insisted that they leave the station. All southbound express trains were held

up. Ricycle Policeman Kupfrain and Policeman Casey were summoned by employees of the railroad. The suicide's body had been lifted from the track and was lying on the express platform when the two policemen arrived. Near the body was a wallet containing

he papers and telegrams addressed to Criswell. This wallet had fallen out of the man's pocket when he jumped in front of the train, or else he had dropped it pur-William A. King of 143 West Thirtyseventh street, the motorman, and William

Bishoff, conductor, were immediately arrested. Casev and Kupfrain sorted out as many of the persons on the pu the man jump as they could find, and they took these names of witnesses: Miss Thomas of 73 Jane street, Thomas L. Adams

a lawyer of 277 Broadway and James H. Lancaster of 26 Cortlandt street. One of the telegrams found in the wallet was addressed to Criswell at the Hotel Belleclaire and was received there on July 15

Will send copy of orders in morning. Congressman Rhinoch, brother of W. H. Rhinoch and J. A. Rhinoch. W. W. HELM. The body was removed to the West Sixtyeighth street police station in a patrol wagon. Word was sent to the Belleclaire that it was feared that Criswell was the

from Kentucky. It read:

Roblee was satisfied of the suicide's identity when he got the police description of the man, and he told Mrs. Criswell that her husband had met with an accident. She fainted, and a physician was summoned. Irving was in Bath Beach. The police tried to find Ray to get him to identify the body. Criswell was the editor and publisher of the New Yorker and, with Robert A. Irving, got up the Social Editors So-

ciety, which was getting out the book entitled "America's Foremost Families." Criswell was arrested on July 11 on a warrant issued by Magistrate McAvoy charging him with criminal libel in connection with an article published in the New Yorker regarding Alice Roosevelt's visit to the home of Congressman Longworth at Cincinnati. Congressman Rhinoch came on here for the purpose of pressing the

Assistant District Attorney Krotel in investigating "Fads and Fancies" ran across the Social Editors' Society and found that Criswell was behind it. It was learned that under this title Criswell and Irving since last February had been getting money from wealthy people ostensibly as subscriptions to "America's Foremost Families."

The District Attorney got hold of enough of the books to show that in all \$6,650 had been collected. There was no evidence to show that anything had been done toward getting out such a book. Among those who subscribed were Colgate Hoyt, Louis V. Bell, Ira A. Kip, James W. Gerard, George B. Post, E. H. Gary and W. Gould Brokaw. They had paid in amounts ranging from

\$100 to \$250. Mr. Krotel called up Criswell and Irving recently to produce all their books, but got a flat refusal from them through a lawyer. Within the last few days a repre sentative of the District Attorney has made repeated calls at the office of the Social Editors' Society to get the books, but was unable to find any one in charge with authority to deliver them. Criswell paid back \$500 to one man who demanded it.

The Central to Have a Fifth Track Along the Western Division.

UTICA, Aug. 3.-It is announced that about \$300,000 is to be spent this year for the construction of a fifth track at places along the Western and Mohawk divisions of the New York Central Railroad. The purpose is to make provision so that pickups and work trains need not block the freight trains. Eventually the fifth track will be built all along the line.

ISIDOR WORMSER ILL.

The Banker Stricken With Appendicitis

His Hetel in Saratega. SARATOGA; Aug. 8 .- Isidor Wormser; the well known banker and broker of New York; is seriously ill at the United States Hotel. To-night four doctors were called in to attend him; and after a consultation they decided that it was necessary to perform an operation. He is suffering from appendicitis.

The management of the hotel ordered the band to vacate their quarters in the inner court and to play on the outside verands. The music annoyed him greatly. This is the first time the musicians' quarters have been changed at this hotel.

NO TIPS; NO WORK. Palmer House Porters Walk Out Rather

Than Obey a New Rule. CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Thirteen indignant porters of the Palmer House quit their jobs to-day when the management devised a scheme by which tips reverted to the house instead of being kept by the employees.

The new regulation provided that the men's salaries be increased, but all tips be turned over to the head porter. Hotel detectives were put on duty to see that the porters turned over the dimes and quarters handed to them by generous guests. Immediately after being notified of the new order the porters walked out, but in less than half an hour a new force had been engaged. When word was passed around to the other hotel employees of the move made by the Palmer House against tipping there was excitement. The system was lenounced as unjust and doomed to failure.

PREPARE FOR WAR, SAYS AUSTIN. Laureate Backs Up in Verse Lord Roberts's Campaign.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. London, Aug. 3.--The campaign led by Field Marshal Earl Roberts against the unpreparedness of the British Army for war has been reenforced by Alfred Austin, the poet laureate, who contributes to the newspapers four verses, the first of which is typical. It reads:

England, supine on couch of peace And pillowed on your splendid past, Think you from wars mankind will cease Or goodness undefended last? Glory and fame

Decline to shame And towering empires pass away, If front be gold, foundation clay.

BOY FOOTPADS KILL A MAN. Sons of Respectable Parents Lay Out a Neighbor, Then Robbed Him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3 .- Percy Pembroke, 16 years old, to-day confess Oakland that he, George Blaker and John Schneider, none of whom is over 17 years of age, held up and robbed Thomas Cook, their neighbor. Pembroke says that the Blaker boy hit Cook over the head with a piece of gas pipe and then rifled the man's pockets. Cook was hurt so severely that he did not regain consciousness and died vesterday. What makes the case more remarkable is the fact that all the boys are sons of respectable parents and had no incentive to commit the crime except a desire to get spending money.

MISS CRAM MAY RECOVER. She Shows Signs of Consciousness and Her

Physicians Are Hopeful. LENOX, Mass., Aug. 3.-Miss Ethel M. Cram of New York, who was injured by a kick from her pony on July 16 and has a been in an unconscious condition at Highwood, the country place of her mother, Mrs. Henry A. Evans, has a chance of recovery. Dr. Charles McBurney of New York, after visiting Miss Cram this afternoon, said that her condition was more encouraging, that a great many threatening dangers had passed and that there was a possible if not probable chance of her ultimate recovery. This week there have been signs of partial consciousness. Her vision returned at times and she seemed to recognize and reached out for members of her family about her, but she has not

TO DEATH FROM LEAKY CANOE.

Young Charles M. Dana of This City

spoken a word since the accident.

Drowned in Lake Hopateong. DOVER, N. J., Aug. 3.-Charles M. Dans aged 20, the oldest son of Charles H. Dana of New York city, was drowned off Palsey Island in Lake Hopatcong this afternoon The body was recovered after an hour's search and was brought to Gillen's morgue

Dana, who was camping at the lake, was in a cance with a companion. Both were in the stern, as the cance leaked at the bow. The canoe was upset and Dana, who could not swim, sank.

SPEARED A WHOPPING FLOUNDER Diver Resents Its Interest in His Work

and Kills It-Weighed 17 Pounds. NEWPORT, R. I.; Aug 3.-A big flounder, commonly called a flatfish, so bothered a diver from the torpedo station to-day that he had to kill it with a spear. A number of seamen gunners from the torpedo station were sent out in the outer harbor for diving practise and A. Cannoon was selected to go down under water. He had not been on the bottom long when the flounder began to swim around him, showing that

began to swim around him, showing that it was annoyed by his presence.

The fish was so large that it appeared like a big blanket floating in front of the man. Cannoon knew that it could not hurt him, but it was annoying, so he plunged his spear through its body and then signalled to be pulled up. The flounder was landed on the deck of the launch and was weighed at the torpedo station. It tipped the scales at 17 pounds.

SENDING JEROME CHECKS for His Campaign Fund-Topic of His

Chautauqua Speech. eceive contributions for his campaign fund. He got a number of small checks-\$5 and \$10—yesterday from persons whom \$5 and \$10—yesterday from persons whom he had never heard of. Others more prosperous have written to Mr. Jerome that he can call on them for almost any amount.

Mr. Jerome will start for Chautauqua this morning. The subject of his speech on Saturday will be "The Peace of Patriotism." Mr. Jerome will then go to Niagara Falls and see the power stations there, returning to this city on Monday or Tuesday.

18 HOURS TO CHICAGO OVER

The Pennsylvania Special" gives the passenger quick transfer from New York to Chicago beween business hours, over a dualiess roadbed.

BELCHER'S FORGERIES GROW

MANY OF PATERSON'S POOR LOSS THROUGH MISSING MAYOR.

Sentiment Turns Against Him as Mied Come to Light-Had Borns Stamp to Ald Mortgage-Extent of Gains

Unknown—Is Accused of Petty Thefts. William H. Belcher, Paterson's reform Mayor, is still in the dark, but his deeds are coming to light. With the revelations there is a change in Paterson sentiment.

People still recount the fact that he never smoked nor drank and seemed their foremost exponent of the upright life, but at the same time they refer to him as a forger and confidence man. Even the Paterson papers, which at first refused to print the charges against the Mayor, now tell the worst. "Stole Right and Left," was the heading one of them put on the story of the

Mayor's doings yesterday. The principal cause of the change of sentiment was the appearance in the County Clerk's office at the opening of business yesterday morning of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Meneve with a mortgage purporting to convey to them property in Thirtieth

street, Passaic. George S. Berdan was the supposed giver of the mortgage, his acknowledgment being taken by Mayor Belcher. It was stamped as received in the County Clerk's office in September, 1901, and bore County Clerk Slater's signature to the statement on its face that it had been recorded in Book M-8, page 479. After one glance at it County Clerk Slater said:

A FORGERY THROUGHOUT.

"I am sorry for you. No such mortgage has been recorded here. My signature is forged to it. I fear you have been deceived shamefully."

A search of the records showed that the property described in the mortgage was not owned by the reputed mortgager and that his name had been forged. Meneve: he reputed mortgagee, is a harness maker. In the early years of their married life his wife took in washing to supplement his earnings and they put \$10 a month into the Manchester Building and Loan Association, of which Mayor Belcher is president. In eleven years their stock matured and they received \$2,000. Meneve left the money with Belcher, telling him to invest it for them at 5 per cent. in a first mortgage. In a few days, according to Meneve, Belcher took him to see some property in Thirtieth street and told him the owner wanted to borrow \$2,000. Meneve did not inspect it closely. He saw at a glance that t was worth the amount and told Belcher to close the deal. A few days later Belcher gave him a mortgage, together with an abstract of title. Meneve had the abstract with him. It contains false entries. Meneve turned pale as the extent of the

his wife sobbed as they left the office. A POOR WOMAN'S SORROW.

imposition upon him was disclosed, and

"We worked so hard and denied ourselves so much. The pity of it," she said. Attorney J. W. Deyo, a loser on account of the Mayor to the extent of \$1,400 through the indorsement of a note in the Paterson Savings Institution, came into the County Clerk's office close upon the departure of the Meneves. He was not searching in order to recoup his own loss. That he has met without a complaint. He wanted to know how heavily mortgaged was a piece of property in Haledon, a suburb of Paterson, owned by Absalom Grundy, principal

Reicher's office Mr. Deyo said nothing at the completion of his search, but it was reported on reliable authority that he had discovered the property mortgaged for \$8,000, that Absalom Grundy had bought it through Belcher and that Belcher had represented to him that it was encumbered to the extent of only \$2,300. Mr. Grundy would not deny this

report. He said: "All the property I have I bought through Mr. Beicher. I was a clerk in his office and trusted him implicitly. I have nothing to say about the condition of it. The whole matter is in the hands of Mr. Deyo. my attorney."

ANOTHER CLUMSY FORGERY. In the afternoon an officer of the Manchester Building and Loan Association prought into the office another mortgage, ust found among Mr. Belcher's papers. t purported to be given by the Me Land Company, a concern organized to do real estate business in the town of Mancheser, for the loan association. The consideration was \$3,400, and it bore among other signatures that of Mr. Belcher president of the Messerve company. Like he Meneve mortgage it bore the receiving stamp of the County Clerk's office and this

ertification: "Received in the office of the clerk of the county of Passaic on the 13th day of November, A. D. 1899, at 11 o'clock A. M., and recorded in Book S-16 of mortgages for

said county, page 62.

"A. D. WINFIELD, Clerk." Book B-7 is the highest numbered book of mortgages in the office, and the state-ment that this mortgage was recorded in S-16 made County Clerk Slater smile. The certification of his predecessor, Mr. Winfield, he readily recognized as a clumsy forgery, but the mortgage turned out to be

genuine. The circumstance revealed a new phase of the Mayor's operations. HAD A BOGUS RUBBER STAMP. He had in his office a rubber stamp made in imitation of the "received" stamp used in the County Clerk's office. With this he had stamped both the Meneve and the Messerve mortgages, and he had forged the certifications in order to make it appear that the mortgages were properly of record

In the case of the Messerve mortgage his object was apparently to protect the credit of the Messerve Company. As president of that company he borrowed \$3,400 from his loan association. Practically, it was said, this company was his own property. There were a few small stockolders, however, and these notified the holders, however, and these notined the officers of the loan association yesterday that the mortgage had been paid in full. The books of the company showed that it had been paid down to \$1.600. The Messerve people said they had Mayor Belcher's receipts showing full payment.

The rubber stamp used on the mortgages was found in Mr. Belcher's law office in the afternoon.

STILL ANOTHER MORTGAGE TRANSACTION.

Another mortgage transaction was re-ported by Mrs. Cecilia Marini of Haskells. In January, 1904, she said, she gave a mert-gage to the Manchester Building and Loan Association. Thirteen months later, de-siring to pay it off, she went to Mayor Belcher's office, gave him \$1,500 and took his receipt as president of the association. his receipt as president of the account He promised, she said, to get her a